



Docket No. 0403-4107US1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): John Boyland et al.

Group Art Unit: 3677

Serial No.: 10/759,877

Examiner: Jeffrey A. SHARP

Filed: January 16, 2004

For: HOOK NUT CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY

**AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☒ The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

|                                 | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment  | Highest No.<br>Covered by<br>Previous<br>Payments | Extra | Rate               | Additional<br>Fee |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total Claims*                   | 25   | 21  | 4     | \$50.00/ \$25.00   | \$ 200.00         |
| Independent<br>Claims           | 2  | 3   | 0     | \$200.00/ \$100.00 | \$ 0.00           |
| Multiple<br>Dependent<br>Claims | (If claims added by amendment include Multiple Dependent Claim(s) and there was no Multiple Dependent Claim(s) in application before amendment add \$360.00 to additional fee (\$180.00 for small entity). |   |       |                    | \$                |
| TOTAL                           |  |   |       |                    | \$ 200.00         |

\*Includes all independent and single dependent claims and all claims referred to in multiple dependent claims. See 37 C.F.R. §1.75(c).

- ☐ Small entity status is or has been claimed.  
Reduced Fees Under 37 C.F.R. §1.9(f) paid herewith \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Pages Sequence Listing
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ Computer disk(s) containing substitute Sequence Listing
- ☐ Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.825(b) that the computer and paper copies of the substitute Sequence Listing are the same.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is attached.
- ☒ Charge fee to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. **0403-4107US1**. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this amendment, including all fees pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17 for its timely consideration, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **13-4500**, Order No. **0403-4107US1**. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action dated March 2, 2006, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination is also submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.